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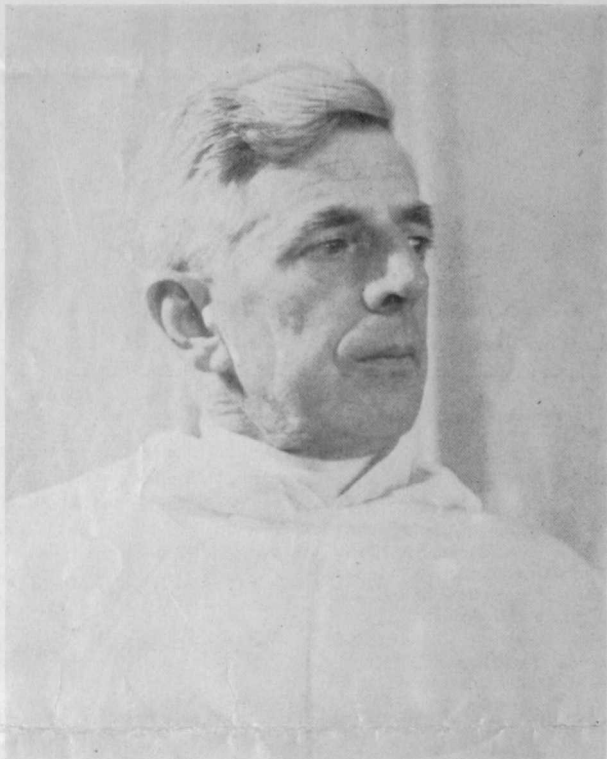
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## IN MEMORIAM



REV. JEREMIAH T. FITZGERALD, O.P.  
AUGUST 10, 1888—MAY 20, 1950

### "The Man We All Loved"

(The following is the entire eulogy delivered by the Rev. Dennis B. McCarthy, O.P., Ph.D., vicar superior of the Dominican community at the college, at the funeral services in St. Pius' Church, Monday, of the Rev. Jeremiah T. Fitzgerald, O.P., vice-president of the college, who died unexpectedly Saturday.)

"May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep me unto eternal life." These words, taken from the Dominican Missal, are pronounced in each Mass by the priest, just before he receives the Holy Eucharist.

May it please your Excellency, Monsignori, Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers, Religious Brothers, Esteemed Sisters, Federal, State and Civic Dignitaries, Members of the Providence College Alumni Association, Members of the Student Body of Providence College, and friends:

In a ceremony of the sort for which we have gathered here this morning, there is always a mingling of emotions. For the death of one of God's priests is an occasion of sadness, mixed with a triumphant joy. We grieve because one who was so familiar we will see on earth no more; somewhat selfishly we count our loss; but we recognize in the midst of our sorrow that in a larger sense our loss is our deceased brother's gain, that he has fought the good fight to the end, that he has finished a difficult course, that he has kept the faith undiminished, and that at last he has merited the Crown of Justice which the Lord, the Just Judge, renders to his priests who persevere in faithful service.

For in the maintenance of His priesthood, God's selecting hand reaches into this family and that, and, in a process mysterious to man, chooses those who are to set themselves apart in order that, while bringing the means of salvation to others, they may find salvation for themselves. By no human right, but purely through God's bounty, these men, marked by God with an invisible sign, are singled out from their fellow men, and are privileged to stand before the high altar as ministers of the August Sacrifice, to preach with authority the doctrine of the Divine Preacher, to dispense those channels of God's grace, the Sacraments, and to act in all capacities in the Name of the Most Exalted and the Most High.

In the feeble light of human wisdom alone, the lives of such men are a divine contradiction. They must handle sin, and strive to keep themselves unsullied; fully aware of their human weaknesses and limitations, they must find the courage to challenge the forces of evil; and while their hearts wish to pray "O Lord, I am not worthy," they must say, in the confident words of the great Apostle, "I can do all things, in Him who strengtheneth me!"

It was to assure with greater certainty, if God so willed, that his people might be kept secure and guided more safely on the path of grace, and that at the same time, God's priest might find new strength for their tasks, that the apostolic St. Dominic more than 700 years ago banded his followers together in the Order he founded. They sought to perfect God's work in themselves and in those whom they served, by three pledges; they pledged themselves to poverty, and in return found the riches of mutual support and brotherhood in community life; they vowed themselves to chastity in full priestly fashion; they swore

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## Dr. Wriston To Deliver Commencement Address

### Father Fitzgerald To Be Interred Tomorrow Morning

The Rev. Jeremiah Thomas Fitzgerald, O.P., vice president of Providence College who died unexpectedly Saturday on the campus, will be laid to rest tomorrow morning in the Dominican Burial Lot in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Washington, after a solemn high Mass in St. Dominic's Church that city at 10:00 a.m.

Representing the College at the funeral will be the Very Rev. Robert J. Slavin, O.P., Rev. Charles V. Fennell, O.P., Rev. John J. Kennedy, O.P., Rev. John T. McGregor, O.P., Rev. George C. McGregor, O.P., Rev. Francis Howley, O.P., and Rev. Martin S. Welsh, O.P.

Father Fitzgerald's body was escorted to Washington from Providence, after funeral services here, by a brother, the Very Rev. Edward Gregory Fitzgerald, O.P., and Father Fennell.

Hundreds of mourners, including scores of distinguished persons prominent in civic, educational and religious life, joined with students, alumni and brother Dominicans at the College, Monday morning in St. Pius' Church, Elmhurst Avenue, where a solemn high Mass of requiem was sung by the entire religious community of the institution.

Father Slavin was celebrant of the Mass, the Rev. Vincent C. Dore, O.P., was deacon, and Father Fennell was sub-deacon. The Most Rev. Russell J. McVinney, D.D., Bishop of Providence, presided at the Mass and gave absolution.

In his eulogy of Father Fitzgerald, the Rev. Dennis B. McCarthy, O.P., vicar superior of the Dominican community at the College, paid high tribute to the deceased priest's devotion and service to the College for 30 years and to his work and energy for 19 years as vice president of the institution.

The Reverend Fathers Francis R. Prout and Lloyd A. Mahler were acolytes; Pierre Conway, cross bearer; Herman Schneider, holy water bearer, and John F. Whittaker, thurifer.

The Rev. Leo S. Cannon, O.P., was organist, as the Dominican Fathers sang the Requiem Mass according to (Continued on Page 2)

### President Of Brown



—Photo by Fabian Bachrach.  
DR. HENRY M. WRISTON

### Educator Favors Liberal Arts Course

Long known as a forceful independent in political thinking and a tireless exponent of the liberal arts education, Dr. Henry M. Wriston has been president for the past two years of the Association of American Universities, a group of 37 of the country's most prominent universities, which attempts to identify and solve educational problems. At present, backed by grants from the Rockefeller Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Association is embarked on a study of the financing of all types of higher education in the United States.

At Brown, where he came after twelve years as president of Lawrence College in Wisconsin, Dr. Wriston has directed the revision of the university's four-course program of study and the instigation of comprehensive examinations, two moves aimed at offering students greater perspective in their studies.

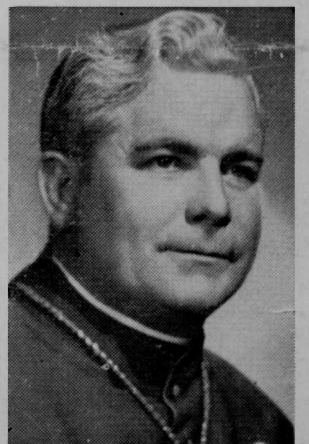
Born in Laramie, Wyoming, the son (Continued on Page 2)

### Bishop Will Preside At Ceremonies

Dr. Henry Merritt Wriston, distinguished educator and author and president of Brown University since 1937, will be the principal speaker at the thirty-second annual commencement of Providence College on Aquinas Hall terrace, June 6.

Commencement exercises will start promptly at 10:00 a. m., with the formation of the academic procession of distinguished guests, recipients of honorary degrees, alumni, faculty, and graduates, from Harkins Hall.

Representing the largest graduating class in the history of the college, four hundred and five seniors and four extension college students will hear the invocation delivered at 10:30 a. m. by



The Most Rev. R. J. McVinney, D.D.

the Most Rev. Russell J. McVinney, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Providence.

The Very Rev. Robert J. Slavin, O.P., S.T.Lr., Ph.D., president of the college, will deliver the address of (Continued on Page 2)

## — Commencement Week Highlights —

Final examinations for seniors over, commencement week activities will start next Thursday with the Commencement Ball on June 1 in the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel. It will be the last school dance the Class of 1950 will attend as students of Providence College.

Festivities for the evening will include dinner at 7:00 p. m. and dancing from 9:00 p. m. to 1:00 a. m. to the music of Ray Belaire and his orchestra.

Class reunions will begin the following night and Saturday, June 3, Alumni Day. Alumni Day will start with a Mass at 10:00 a. m. in the War Memorial Grotto celebrated by the Very Rev. Robert J. Slavin, O.P., Chaplain of the Alumni Association.

A baseball game between Providence College and Quonset Point Naval Air Station will start at 2:00 p. m., followed by more reunions on the campus from 4:30 to 6:30 p. m., and Alumni Day dinner. Benediction in the Grotto will close the Alumni Day program at 9:00 p. m.

On Sunday, June 4, Baccalaureate Sunday, a solemn high Mass will be

held at 10:00 a. m. in the Grotto with Father Slavin as celebrant; the Rev. Thomas T. Shea, O.P., A.B., Dean of Men, deacon; and the Rev. Edward S. Halton, O.P., M.S., Dean of Freshmen, subdeacon. The Rev. Dennis B. McCarthy, O.P., S.T.Lr., Ph.D., English department chairman, will preach the baccalaureate sermon.

Class Day will be observed on Monday, June 5, with Parents' Night exercises in the Grotto and presentation of the class gift in Aquinas Hall. Clifford F. Brott will give the class oration and William H. McDevitt will give the address to parents.

The Rev. Vincent C. Dore, O.P., S.T.Lr., LL.D., Dean of Studies, will make the honorary awards including honorary certificate, Lacordaire debating, Ship and Scales, and Holland Athletic Awards.

Frank J. Lowrey, '26, alumni president, will induct the Class of 1950 into the Alumni Association, and Father Slavin will give the principal address. Solemn Benediction will follow in the Grotto. Father Dore will be celebrant; (Continued on Page 2)

### CLASS GIFT

Part of the Class of 1950's gift to Providence College will be two oil paintings executed by the well known local artist, Wilfred I. Duphiney of 7 Thomas Street, Providence.

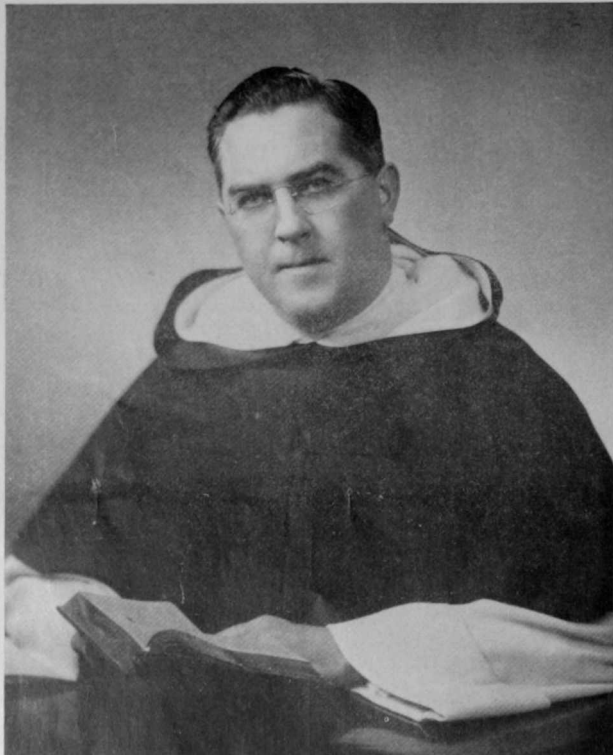
The paintings are portraits of the Most Rev. Russell J. McVinney, D.D., Bishop of Providence, and the Very Rev. John J. Dillon, O.P., fourth president of Providence College.

The portraits will be added to the collection in Aquinas Hall lounge of other past presidents and dignitaries also done by the same artist.

The paintings will be presented to the College during Parents' Night exercises on Monday, June 5, in Aquinas Hall.



## President



The Very Rev. Robert J. Slavin, O.P., S.T.Lr., Ph.D.

## Speakers



William H. McDevitt will deliver the Parents' Night address in the War Memorial Grotto, Monday, June 5.



Clifford F. Brott will give the class oration on Class Day, Monday, June 5.

## Educator—

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of a Methodist preacher, the Brown president is a former head of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the Association of American Colleges, the Rhode Island United Campaign of Community Chests, and the Rhode Island United War Fund. He was made an honorary commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1947 for his work in helping to organize the National War Fund. Among the many public and education groups in which he holds office are the World Peace Foundation, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, the American Association for Adult Education, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the Council on Foreign Relations.

## Bishop—

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welcome to the Class of 1950. The graduating class will also hear addresses by the Honorable John O. Pastore, Governor of Rhode Island, and the Honorable Dennis J. Roberts, Mayor of Providence.

Following the addresses of welcome the Reverend Bishop will grant the baccalaureate degrees with the assistance of Father Slavin, and the Rev. Vincent C. Dore, O.P., S.T.Lr., LL.D., Dean of Studies.

Candidates for honorary degrees, who are as yet unannounced, will be presented by the Very Rev. Terence S. McDermott, O.P., S.T.Lr., LL.D., Provincial of the Province of St. Joseph and president of the college corporation. Bishop McViney will also confer the honorary degrees.

After conferment of both baccalaureate and honorary degrees, Dr. Wriston will deliver the Commencement address.

In case of inclement weather, Commencement exercises will be held at the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium, Brownell Street, Providence, R. I.

## New Monstrance Received At College For Use In Grotto

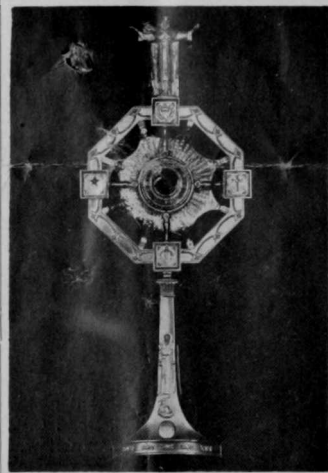
The new monstrance, whose construction was made possible by the generous contribution of old rings, watches, and trinkets by the friends of Providence College, was received here last week by the Rev. Charles H. McKenna, O.P., Chaplain of the College.

Designed to fit into the massive scheme of the War Memorial Grotto, the monstrance is the work of John Hardy, one of the country's outstanding designers of church and altar furnishings, who executed the strikingly original and appropriate design.

The monstrance, ornamented with gold and silver and inlaid with precious stones, is 45½ inches high, weighs 17 pounds, and is valued at nearly \$10,000.

The design portrays the intimate relationship between Christ and His Blessed Mother, between the devotion to the Eucharist and to the Rosary. Like our faith itself, the general motif of this ostensorium is cruciform, and to this has been added the eight-pointed star of St. Dominic, founder of the Dominican Order.

The ears of wheat embossed thereon recall the Bread of Life in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The Mystical Rose still surrounds her Son's flesh as he reposes, awaiting to bless and protect us. The life cycle of our Redeemer is symbolized by the octagonal border as cherubs support fif-



teen decades of the Most Holy Rosary. Three medallions summarize these mysteries through the star of Bethlehem, the Cross of Calvary, and the palm of victory.

Three reliefs on the sides of the triangular shaft represent three Dominican saints whose apostates need to be renewed in our day. They are: the crusading Dominic who received the Rosary from the hands of Our Lady and who first popularized the devotion; the Angelic Aquinas who so lucidly expounded sacred doctrine and gave us the liturgical hymns of the Holy Eucharist; and the valiant Catherine of Siena, the exemplar of every social virtue, who for years knew no other food except the Bread of Life.

At the base of the monstrance is the shield of Providence College bearing the Latin inscription *Veritas*, while at the top with arms outstretched is the figure of Christ representing the holy priesthood.

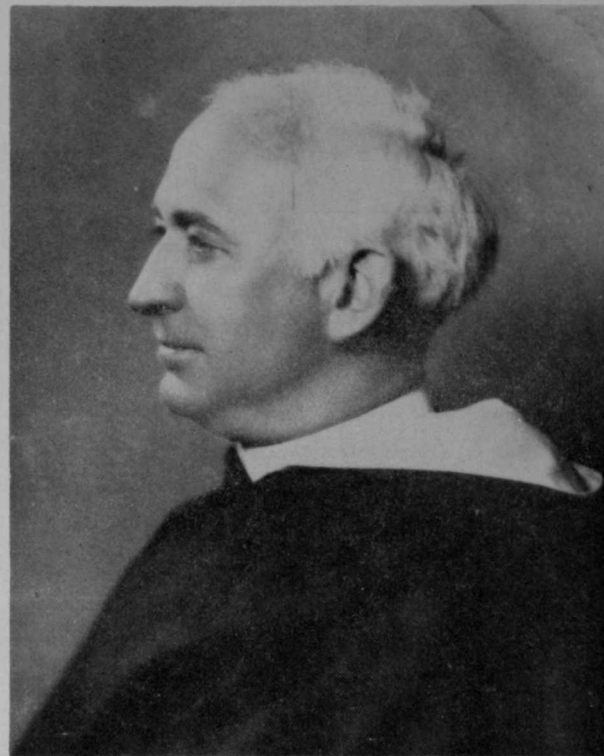
## Highlights—

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and Rev. William J. Dillon, O.P., A.M., deacon; and Father Halton, sub-deacon.

Commencement week will conclude with the conferment of baccalaureate and honorary degrees by the Most Rev. Russell J. McViney, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Providence, and the Commencement Day address by Dr. Henry Merritt Wriston, president of Brown University.

## Provincial



The Very Rev. Terence S. McDermott, O.P., S.T.Lr., LL.D.

## Fr. Fitzgerald—

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the Dominican rite. The Reverend Fathers William R. Clark, John T. Dittoe, Joseph L. Lennon, and Francis L. O'Connell were cantors. "Pie Jesu" was sung at the offertory by Lucien L. Olivier, a P.C. freshman.

Bearers were the Reverend Dominican Fathers Thomas H. McBrien, Philip C. Foster, Thomas L. Fallon, Stephen B. Jurasko, Henry E. Gallagher, and A. A. Jurgelaitis. Ushers at the church included past presidents of the College Alumni Association.

Sunday afternoon, when Father Fitzgerald's body was taken to the Aquinas Hall lounge, students and alumni formed a guard of honor for the cortege which was met by Father Slavin at the circle in front of the dormitory. After Father Slavin blessed the casket and began chanting the psalters, the chant was taken up by the religious of the community and Father Fitzgerald's body was borne into the building.

The chanting continued as the casket was placed in the center of the

room and immediately recitation of the Psalters was begun by the Rev. Francis A. Howley, O.P., and the Rev. Daniel M. Galliher, O.P., both of whom were among the associates of Father Fitzgerald from the early days of the College. The recitation was continued until Monday morning when the bier was carried to St. Pius' Church for the burial rites.

One of the College's best known professors, Father Fitzgerald was ordained on June 24, 1914 in Washington, D. C., where he remained for his Master of Arts degree from the Dominican House of Studies. After two years at St. Thomas Aquinas College, Columbus, Ohio, he was transferred to Providence College where he has remained ever since. In 1931 he was named vice president of the College.

Father Fitzgerald was born in Washington on Aug. 10, 1888, a son of the late Maurice P. and Mary Ellen (King) Fitzgerald. His early education was obtained in that city and he attended Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash., before joining the Dominican Order as a novice. He was professed on Aug. 4, 1890.

## Eulogy—

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obedience and surrendered their wills to make themselves more responsive to God's commands. They gladly took their places at the side of the great bodies of zealous diocesan clergy everywhere to assist to their full capacity in extending God's Kingdom on earth.

Today we pay tribute to such a priest. Father Jeremiah Thomas Fitzgerald, born into a distinguished Washington family, for forty-two years wore with honor the white habit of a Friar Preacher. For thirty-six years he performed the great sacrifice of the Altar, and thousands of times, before administering to himself the Precious Body and Blood of Christ, he prayed that those Sacred Elements might keep him unto eternal life. For thirty years he was a conscientious teacher in the classrooms of Providence College. For nineteen years he was a Vice-President of that institution, and no one appreciates better than the four Presidents under whom he served, how selfless and how willing was his devotion in that office.

Two days before he died he was seen preparing his final lectures; and on Friday, he taught the last class of the current year. On Saturday morning, he arose earlier than usual to celebrate Mass, but feeling somewhat unwell, he waited until his distress had passed, and three hours later he did what he was determined to do, honor God again at His altar. Everything to which he had devoted so many years was finished, and then he "gave his soul unto his Captain, Christ, under whose banner he had fought so long."

Two weeks ago a reception was tendered to Father Fitzgerald by the Senior Class of Providence College. They honored him for his long years of service and hailed him spontaneously as "the man we all love." He was indeed loved by the students for whom he worked in his last year as he did in his first. He was truly loved by the members of his community, who knew him as a man of humility, loyalty, and of exemplary charity. No one can recall an unkind word that passed his lips. He was loved and admired by many groups to whom he gave generously of his time and of his diminishing energy in addresses and speeches.

So in sorrow, we rejoice. We feel sure that St. Thomas Aquinas will plead for this teacher who also bore the name Thomas. We are confident that Our Lady, Queen of the Rosary, will shelter her devoted son. And we have an abiding trust that the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ will keep unto eternal life the man we all loved.

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# Candid Review Of Friar Sports



**SENIOR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**



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**SENIOR TRACKMAN OF THE YEAR**



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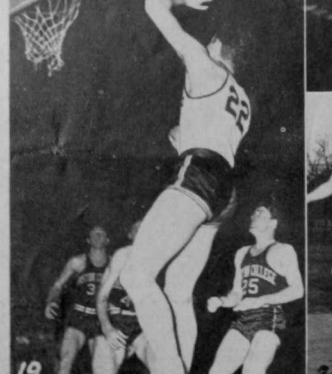
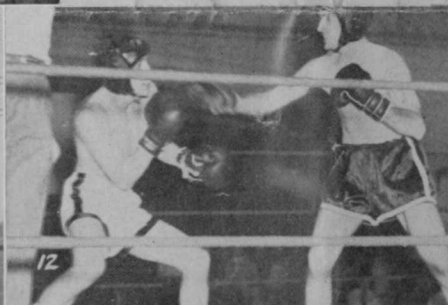
**INTRAMURAL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**



**FRESHMAN ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**



**COACH OF THE YEAR**



1. Walt Lozoski, basketball and baseball star of the past four years at P.C. Walt is one of the foremost athletic figures in the history of the College.

2. Gerry McGurkin, track captain and one of the high scorers on the team. He will be remembered as one of the top trackmen ever to represent the College.

3. Jim Schlimm, all-time high scorer in basketball in the annals of P.C. Without doubt, he is the athlete of the year in Friar Sports.

4. Bill Sherry, star half-miler, is a Junior and has another season of track before him. He merits the out-

standing trackman of the season with his half-mile victory in the Eastern Collegiate Track Meet. He is high scorer for the current outdoor season.

5. Jim Sullivan, the ubiquitous baseball player, is a four year veteran of the diamond team, and it seems that he has played just about every position on the team. He has our vote for baseball man of the year.

6. Joe Beatrice, intramural basketball and softball standout, besides participating in the sports, has directed leagues to successful seasons. Without question he is intramural man of the year.

7. Beaver Power, top man on this

season's freshman-basketball team and a standout on Larry Drew's frosh baseball squad, deserves our vote for freshman athlete of the year.

8. Vin Cuddy, popular coach of our victorious basketball team is coach of the year in P.C. sports with basketball wins over Boston College and Rhode Island State.

9. The Monogram Club in force. Their president is Walt Lozoski.

10. The Athletic Department of Providence College, without whose tireless efforts sports would not be a success at the College.

11. New England AAU javelin champ, Jerry Alexander, takes a

warmup in pre-season practice.

12. Hugh Harrold and Oscar Peters square off in the Boxing Show staged in Harkins Hall in March.

13. Don MacDonald attempts to score on a disputed play in the R. I. State game. He was called out by the umpire.

14. Coach Hal Martin questions the opinion of the umpire on the previous play.

15. Dorm intramural champs, Guzman Hall, pose after winning the championship game against the New Haven Club.

16. Reserve center, Tom Orr, hoops one for the Friars in a home

basketball game.

17. The one-mile relay team poses with their trophy won at Seton Hall: Cassidy, McMullen, McGurkin, Penler, and Coach Harry Coates.

18. Basketball team gives a yell after the Rhode Island State game. Remember the score!

19. High scorer Jim Schlimm tosses one in during the B. C. game.

20. Trackmen prepare for the outdoor board meet.

21. LaSalle Club, touch football champs in the intramural league.

22. Friar first-sacker, Don MacDonald, gets back to first just in time during the R. I. State baseball game.